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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 94-119-2]

Boll Weevil Control Program: Availability of Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact; Public Hearing

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has prepared an environmental assessment and preliminary finding of no significant impact for a proposed program to eradicate the boll weevil in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, Texas. A copy of the environmental assessment and preliminary finding of no significant impact will be made available upon request; comments on the documents are welcome. We also are announcing that a public hearing will be held to provide a forum to explain findings in the environmental assessment, to accept views, and to respond to questions.

DATES: Written comments on the environmental assessment and preliminary finding of no significant impact must be received on or before March 1, 1995. Two public meetings will be held on February 16, 1995, one from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and the other from 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Pre-hearing registration for oral participation at either hearing may be made by mail (postmarked on or before February 8, 1995), or at the hearing site on the date of the hearing, beginning one hour prior to each hearing.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the environmental assessment and preliminary finding of no significant impact and requests for oral

participation at the hearings should be mailed to Vicki Wickheiser, Environmental Analysis and Documentation, BBEP, APHIS, USDA, room 543, Federal Building, 6505 Becrest Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782. The public hearings will be held in the Hoblitzelle Auditorium, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, 2415 East Highway 83, Weslaco, TX. Copies of the environmental assessment and preliminary finding of no significant impact (in English or Spanish) are available for review between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays, at the APHIS Reading Room, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC. Persons wishing to inspect those documents are requested to call ahead at (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the reading room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vicki Wickheiser at the address listed above or by telephone at (301) 436-8963. Copies of the environmental assessment and preliminary finding of no significant impact are available in both English and Spanish and may be obtained by contacting Ms. Wickheiser, or by calling Plant Protection and Quarantine, Central Region Office, at (210) 504-4154.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has proposed to cooperate in a boll weevil eradication program in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas in the counties of Brooks, Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, and Willacy. The proposed Lower Rio Grande Valley program would rely on integrated control methods, including the use of chemicals, on cotton crops.

On November 14, 1994 (59 FR 56458, Docket No. 94-119-1), we gave notice of a public meeting to provide a forum for community input on health and environmental issues associated with implementation of the boll weevil control program. That meeting was held on November 29, 1994.

An environmental assessment (EA) is now available that analyzes the potential effects of the program's alternatives and actions on the quality of the human environment in the valley. The EA considers the characteristics of the Lower Rio Grande Valley and focuses on the potential effects of

chemical pesticides. Because of the presence of communities in proximity to cotton fields, certain program modifications and some additional protective measures have been proposed. Such protective measures are designed to reduce the potential for adverse environmental effects. After reviewing the EA, the decisionmaker has found preliminarily that no significant impact would result from the implementation of the proposed program. This preliminary finding, together with the underlying environmental assessment, will be made available for public review for a period of 30 days before a final determination is made concerning the need to prepare an environmental impact statement and before the action may begin.

In furtherance of important policy objectives including "environmental justice," two public hearings have been scheduled to provide members of the public with an opportunity to express their views or question agency officials regarding the proposed program and the EA and preliminary finding of no significant impact. Any interested person may appear and may be heard in person, by attorney, or by other representative. Persons who wish to speak may register in advance by mail (see the ADDRESSES section of this notice), or in person at the hearing site. To register by mail, individuals should send a letter or postcard with their name and affiliation (e.g., farm worker, grower, or academician) and should specify which of the hearings they wish to attend, and the approximate length of time needed for their presentation and questions. On the day of the hearing, registration at the hearing site will begin at noon for the 1 p.m. hearing and at 6 p.m. for the 7 p.m. hearing. Attendees who do not register in advance will be allowed to speak after all scheduled speakers have been heard. We ask that anyone who reads a statement provide two copies to the presiding officer at the hearing. The presiding officer may limit the time for each presentation in order to allow everyone wishing to speak the opportunity to be heard.

The substance of this notice will be published in the newspapers (English and Spanish) serving the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas.

Done in Washington, DC, this 25th day of January 1995.

Terry L. Medley,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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Office of Civil Rights Enforcement

Privacy Act; System of Records

AGENCY: Office of Civil Rights Enforcement (OCRE), Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of redesignated and revised Privacy Act System of Records, USDA/OCRE-1.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that USDA is proposing to redesignate system of records USDA/OEO-1 as USDA/OCRE-1 and to revise this system of records concerning complaints alleging discrimination in USDA programs and activities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This notice will be effective without further notice, on March 31, 1995, unless comments dictate otherwise. Although the Privacy Act requires only that the portion of the system which describes the "routine uses" of the system be published for comment, USDA invites comment on all portions of this notice. Comments must be received by the contact person listed below on or before March 1, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrew Johnson, Jr., Acting Deputy Associate Director, Policy and Planning Division, Office of Civil Rights Enforcement, USDA, Room 1364-South Building, 14th and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-9400, (202) 720-1130 (voice/TDD).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 522a, USDA is redesignating and revising a system of records to be maintained by OCRE. The purpose of this notice is to announce the redesignation of USDA/OEO-1 as USDA/OCRE-1 and the revision of this system of records maintained by OCRE. The system contains information on program discrimination complaints.

This redesignation and revision sets forth the authorities for the processing of program discrimination complaints as well as lists processes and procedures to be followed when assessing information in this system.

A "Report on New System," required by 5 U.S.C. 522a(r), as implemented by OMB Circular A-130, was sent to the Chairman, Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, the Chairman, House Committee on Governmental Affairs, and the Administrator, Office of

Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget on December 2, 1994.

Signed at Washington, DC, on October 11, 1994.

Mike Espy,

Secretary.

Privacy Act System USDA/OCRE-1 Report

The purpose of this proposed system or records is to provide the United States Department of Agriculture, (USDA) Office of Civil Rights Enforcement, and the civil rights compliance offices of the USDA program agencies, with the necessary information regarding the processing of program discrimination complaints.

The authority for maintaining this system of record is 42 U.S.C. 2000d, *et seq.*; 42 U.S.C. 3608(d); 42 U.S.C. 12101, *et seq.*; 20 U.S.C. 1681, *et seq.*; 29 U.S.C. 794; 15 U.S.C. 1691, *et seq.*; and 7 U.S.C. 2011, *et seq.*

Use of this system, as established, should not result in infringement of any individual's right to privacy. All individuals about whom information in this system is maintained will voluntarily submit the information for the express purpose of furthering the civil rights objectives of the Department through complaint processing.

Access to these records will be limited to USDA employees whose official duties require such access.

These records are stored in file cabinets at the system locations. These offices are locked when unoccupied.

The system of records will be exempt pursuant to subsection (k)(2) of the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2), from the provisions of subsections (c)(3), (d), (e)(1), (e)(4)(G), (e)(4)(H), (e)(4)(I), and (f).

USDA/OCRE-1

SYSTEM NAME:

Program Discrimination Complaints, USDA/OCRE-1.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Program discrimination complaint files are maintained in the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Office of Civil Rights Enforcement (OCRE), and in the civil rights compliance office of the agency with respect to which the complaint of discrimination was filed (see appendix A).

CATEGORIES OR INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Individuals who file complaints on their behalf, or on the behalf of a group or class of persons, alleging

discrimination in USDA federally assisted or federally conducted programs or activities.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

The system consists of complete files (i.e., complaints, agency responses to complaint related correspondence inquiries, and investigatory reports) on initial inquiries made by personnel of OCRE and the agencies involved with complaints. The files, where appropriate, may include investigatory reports compiled by OCRE or the agency involved.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

5 U.S.C. 301; 42 U.S.C. 2000d, *et seq.*; 42 U.S.C. 3608(d); 42 U.S.C. 12101, *et seq.*; 20 U.S.C. 1681, *et seq.*; 29 U.S.C. 794; 15 U.S.C. 1691, *et seq.*; and 7 U.S.C. 2011, *et seq.*

PURPOSE:

This system is established to maintain records relating to the processing of program discrimination complaints.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

(1) Disclosure may be made to the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), a court or other tribunal, or another party before such tribunal, when USDA, any component thereof, or any employee in his or her individual capacity where DOJ (or USDA where it is authorized to do so) has agreed to represent the employee, or the United States where USDA determines that the litigation is likely to affect directly the operations of USDA or any of its components, is a party to the litigation or has an interest in such litigation, and USDA determines that the use of such records by DOJ, the court or other tribunal, or the other party before such tribunal is relevant and necessary to the litigation; provided, however, that in each case, USDA determines that such disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the records were collected.

(2) In the event that material in this system indicates a violation of law, whether civil or criminal or regulatory in nature, and whether arising by general statute, or by regulation, rule or order issued pursuant thereto, the relevant records may be disclosed to the appropriate agency, whether Federal, State, local, or foreign, charged with the responsibility of investigation or prosecuting such violation or charged with enforcing or implementing the statute, or rule, regulation, or order issued pursuant thereto.

(3) Disclosure may be made to a Congressional office from the record of